

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTING PAINTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any norms/limits for the use of lead in paints;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether violations of such limits have been noticed in the recent past;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) As per the information made available by the Department of Consumer Affairs , Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published number of standards on paints in which limits for lead content is specified. The standards specify lead content ranging from < 0.03% to <1.0% by mass in different types of paints

(c) to(e) The ISI certification of paint is voluntary in nature. No violation of any norms/limits for lead has been noticed in the paint samples of BIS Licensees drawn and tested by BIS.